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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Livestock and Seed Division (LS), of the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), develops standards which form the basis for the U.S. grading system for meat. The Division -- or, more specifically, its Livestock and Meat Standardization Branch (LMSB) -- also prepares specifications used by institutional meat buyers in making large-scale purchases.

The LMSB maintains written standards and specifications used in buying meat and meat products, as well as other publications. The LMSB also stores charts that illustrate U.S. grades of livestock and wholesale and retail cuts. The LMSB does not maintain publications concerning livestock production.

This pamphlet is the third in a series of publications designed to address frequently asked consumer questions thoroughly and promptly. Additional consumer-oriented publications, now being developed, will be added to this index.

Currently available publications are listed here by category, title, and effective date. You may order publications by writing: Chief, LMSB, LS, AMS, USDA, Room 2603, South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. For questions about these publications, please write to the Chief of the LMSB at the above address or call 202-720-4486. There is no charge for the publications, but individuals may receive just one copy of each. Multiple copies to organizations are based on the nature of the request. Duplication of copies is permitted.

CHARTS, Wholesale and Retail Cuts

Beef (17" x 24") - January 1958
Beef (8.5" x 11") - May 1992
Lamb (17" x 24") - 1966
Lamb (8.5" x 11") - May 1992
Pork (17" x 24") - 1968
Pork (8.5" x 11") - May 1992
Veal (17" x 24") - Not Dated
Veal (8.5" x 11") - May 1992

CHARTS, Official U.S. Grades

Feeder Cattle (21" x 38") Colored - September 1980
Feeder Pigs (21" x 38") Colored - August 1988
Feeder Pigs (8.5" x 11") - August 1988
Slaughter Steers (21" x 38") Colored - November 1969

Slaughter Steers (8.5" x 11") Quality - November 1987
Slaughter Steers (8.5" x 11") Yield - January 1990
Slaughter Swine (21" x 38") Colored - August 1988
Slaughter Swine (8.5" x 11") - August 1988

CHARTS, Skeletal

Beef (8.5" x 11") - Not Dated
Lamb (8.5" x 11") - Not Dated
Pork (8.5" x 11") - Not Dated
Veal (8.5" x 11") - Not Dated

EVALUATION CARDS

Feeder Cattle - May 1984
Feeder Pig - March 1986
Slaughter Barrow and Gilt - February 1989
Slaughter Cattle - May 1984
Slaughter Lamb - May 1992
Vealer and Slaughter Calf - November 1980

FACTS ABOUT the U.S. Standards for Grades of Feeder Cattle - April 1980

FOOD CONTAINERS

Handbook for Inspection of Food Containers - July 1987
U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers - November 1980
U.S. Standards for Condition of Food Containers-Amendment - February 1984
Visual Aids for Inspection of Flexible Containers - January 1966
Visual Aid for Inspection of Metal Containers - June 1978
Visual Aid for Inspection of Metal Containers-Amendment - February 1984
Visual Aid for Inspection of Rigid and Semi-Rigid Containers - September 1978

MOHAIR

Physical Properties of Mohair - May 1972

SAMPLES, APPLICATION FOR

Grease Mohair - July 1990
Grease Wool - July 1990
Mohair Top - July 1990
Wool Top - July 1990

SPECIFICATIONS, FEDERAL

PPB-2120B-Amendment No. 2 - June 1993

PPB-2120B-Federal Specification for Frozen Ground Beef - May 1991

PPL-800E-Amendment No. 1 - March 13, 1992

PPL-800E-Federal Specification for Luncheon Meat, Canned, Ready-to-Eat -
September 1986

SPECIFICATIONS, INSTITUTIONAL MEAT PURCHASE SPECIFICATIONS (IMPS)

General Requirements - November 1992

Interim Quality Assurance Provisions - October 1990 (The July 1993 reprint
version includes all previous page changes.)

100-Fresh Beef - January 1988 (The July 1993 reprint version incorporates
Amendment No. 2.)

200-Fresh Lamb and Mutton - January 1975

300-Fresh Veal and Calf - July 1975

400-Fresh Pork Products - January 1989 (The June 1993 reprint version
incorporates Amendments 1 and 2.)

500-Cured, Cured and Smoked, and Fully Cooked Pork Products - January 1992

600-Cured, Dried, Smoked and Fully Cooked Beef Products - June 1, 1993

700-Variety Meats and Edible By-Products - June 1993.

800-Sausage Products - November 1992

SPECIFICATIONS, USDA SCHEDULES

SCH-BC-Amendment No. 2 for Beef Chunks, Canned - November 1980

SCH-BC-Amendment No. 1 for Beef Chunks, Canned - May 1980

SCH-BC-Errata page for Beef Chunks, Canned - September 1979

SCH-BC-USDA Specification for Beef Chunks, Canned - July 1979

SCH-BJ-Amendment No. 3 for Beef with Natural Juices - August 1990

SCH-BJ-Amendment No. 2 for Beef with Natural Juices - April 1986

SCH-BJ-Amendment No. 1 for Beef with Natural Juices - January 1986

SCH-BJ-USDA Specification for Beef with Natural Juices - December 1984

SCH-BR-USDA Specification for Frozen Beef Roasts - April 1986

SCH-CH-Amendment No. 2 for Canned Ham - August 1983

SCH-CH-Amendment No. 1 for Canned Ham - November 1979

SCH-CH-USDA Specification for Canned Ham - October 1978

SCH-CL-USDA Specification for Certified American Lamb - July 1992

SCH-CS-USDA Specification for Meatball Stew, Canned - March 1991

SCH-GP-Amendment No. 2 for Frozen Ground Pork - November 1991

SCH-GP-Amendment No. 1 for Frozen Ground Pork - August 1991

SCH-GP-USDA Schedule for Frozen Ground Pork - August 1990

SCH-HF-Amendment No. 1 for Smoked, Fully Cooked, Shankless Ham -
 August 1991
 SCH-HF-USDA Schedule for Smoked, Fully Cooked, Shankless Ham -
 February 1986
 SCH-PJ-Amendment No. 3 for Pork and Natural Juices, Canned -
 August 1991
 SCH-PJ-USDA Specification for Pork with Natural Juices, Canned -
 October 1991
 SCH-RB-Amendment No. 2 for Beef for Reprocessing - September 1990
 SCH-RB-Amendment No. 1 for Beef for Reprocessing - June 1988
 SCH-RB-USDA Specification for Beef for Reprocessing - May 1987
 SCH-RG-Amendment No. 1 for Frozen Beef Roast and Ground Beef -
 September 1985
 SCH-RG-USDA Specification for Frozen Beef Roast and Ground Beef -
 August 1985
 SCH-RP-Pork for Reprocessing - August 1988
 SCH-SB-Amendment No. 4 for Slab or Sliced Bacon - July 1981
 SCH-SB-Amendment No. 3 for Slab or Sliced Bacon - March 1980
 SCH-SB-Amendment No. 2 for Slab or Sliced Bacon - December 1979
 SCH-SB-Amendment No. 1 for Slab or Sliced Bacon - October 1979
 SCH-SB-USDA Specification for Slab or Sliced Bacon - August 1979
 SCH-SC-Amendment No. 3 for Sectioned and Formed Ham, Canned -
 January 1984
 SCH-SC-Amendment No. 2 for Sectioned and Formed Ham, Canned -
 August 1983
 SCH-SC-Amendment No. 1 for Sectioned and Formed Ham, Canned - May 1982
 SCH-SC-USDA Specification for Sectioned and Formed Ham, Canned -
 February 1981
 SCH-SH-Amendment No. 2 for Sectioned and Formed Ham - December 1983
 SCH-SH-USDA Specification for Sectioned and Formed Ham -
 February 1979
 SCH-SL-Amendment No. 2 for Sliced Bacon - July 1983
 SCH-SL-Amendment No. 1 for Sliced Bacon - June 1983
 SCH-SL-USDA Specification for Sliced Bacon - October 1982
 SCH-WS-Amendment No. 1 for Beef Wafer Steaks - December 1988
 SCH-WS-USDA Specification for Beef Wafer Steaks - November 1988

SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS

Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef - April 1989
 Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Feeder Cattle - September 1979
 Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton
 Carcasses - July 1992
 Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Pork Carcass - January 1985

Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Slaughter Cattle - April 1989
Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Slaughter Swine - January 1985
Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Veal and Calf Carcasses - October 1980
Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Slaughter Lambs, Yearlings, and Sheep -
July 1992
Official U.S. Standards for Grades of Vealers and Slaughter Calves - January 1972

Title VII-Subtitle B--Regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Chapter I--
Agricultural Marketing Service; Subchapter C--Regulations and Standards under
The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946; Part 54--Meats, Prepared Meats, and
Meat Products (Grading, Certification and Standards) - July 1990
